

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re A	Application of:)	
Giacomo Stefano ROBA et al.))	
Application Serial No. 09/465,016) Group Art Unit: 1731	
Filed:	December 16, 1999	Examiner: Hoffmann, J.	
For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM BY COMBUSTIONLESS HYDROLYSIS))))	
Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450			
Sir:			
TRANSMITTAL LETTER			
Enclosed is a reply to the Office Communication mailed May 2, 2003, and further in reply to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2002. The items checked below are attached:			
\boxtimes	Substitute Amendment (21 pages, numbered 1-20 and 32); and		
\boxtimes	Appendix to Substitute Amendment (4 pages).		
Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.			
	Respectfully submitted,		
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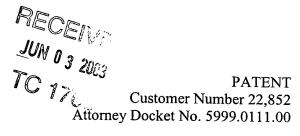
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SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT

Applicants file this Substitute Amendment in reply to the Office Communication mailed May 2, 2003, and further in reply to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Delete page 1 in its entirety.

Page 6, lines 5-10, amend the paragraph, as follows:

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